Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees workshop September 16, 2008

# **Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting**

September 16, 2008

**Members Present:** Mayor Phillips, Trustee Seth Gallagher, Trustee Edward Mancari, Trustee Gordon Robertson and Trustee John Teagle

The meeting was opened at 7:30 pm by Mayor Phillips informing the Board members of the following:

- The LWRP contract has been signed.
- The work on New St. has been started and should be completed in a week. In November, air sampling will be untaken.
- Trees and shrubs are in the process of being removed by Hospicom, 11 Main St. to start work for the proposed parking lot.

## 1. Street Opening Permit:

The Village will issue a permit for a curb cut on Railroad Ave. Previously, the home owner used a ramp allowing them access to their driveway.

## 2. The Grove:

Stephen Tilly' firm is developing an AIA contract for The Grove. There will be no additional charge to the village for this work.

## 3. Haldane School Podcast:

Mayor Phillips was approached by a parent who explained that the Haldane High School Political Science Class would be interested in having students attend village meetings with a Podcast to record the proceedings.

Mayor Phillips spoke to Mr. Bruce Campbell, a Board of Education member, asking him to talk to school board to get more information.

#### 4. Church St. Sidewalk Progress:

One resident on Church St. does not want the sidewalk replaced in front of his property. The sidewalk is broken and cracked due to tree roots. Members of the Highway Department have spoken to him regarding the status of the tree. Mayor Phillips asked Trustee S. Gallagher and Trustee J. Teagle to speak to that resident about allowing the Village to continue with the sidewalk replacement.

# 5. Putnam County's Economic Development Committee:

Trustee S. Gallagher will attend a comprehensive forum on September 23, 2008. Members of Putnam County Government will be there to take questions and ideas.

## 6. Fee Changes:

The board members reviewed suggested fee changes (attached) and alarm permit charges (attached). J. Ralph Falloon suggested increases in false alarm fines as per attached. The goal is to treat an alarm permit fine like an appearance ticket allowing a false alarm fine to be protested by going to court.

Mr. Ralph Falloon explained the alarm permit process as follows:

- There is a one time permit charge.
- A permit must be renewed every three years (at no charge)
- Landlords not tenants will receive any fines
- All new construction requires a fire alarm
- All repairs, alterations and additions currently require a permit
- Fire alarm fees restart every year

Mr. Ralph Falloon will write a letter to the Mayor and Board of Trustees asking them to discuss alarm fees further.

Other board member concerns:

Trustee G. Robertson asked about fines for dumpsters in the street more than the allowed 3 days. Trustee S. Gallagher will do research on filming permits.

The Village Attorney will be asked to review the proposed automatic alarm fees.

Trustee E. Mancari moved to accept the \$25.00 non resident charge for fingerprinting, \$.25 per FOIL accident report copy, \$22.00 fee for recycle bins, \$17.50 for Historic Design Standards and \$50.00 for final water reading. Any changes in filming permits were put on hold pending research. Trustee S. Gallagher seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

#### 7. Wood Burning Stove Permits:

Mr. Ralph Falloon discussed a proposed change to the current wood burning stove permit application to include all fuel fired appliances or fuel fixed heating stoves.

Mr. Falloon will compile more information and get sample wood stove permit applications from other towns and villages. He will follow up with the Village Attorney, Mr. Gaba.

#### 8. Other Business:

- Fire Inspector Ralph Falloon and Trustee E. Mancari will attend a NYCOM Volunteer Fire Department workshop in Millbrook next week.
- The Party security and custodial agreement from the M&T Bank must be signed. Trustee E. Mancari will review the information and he will discuss it at the next meeting.
- Trustee J. Teagle shared his concerns over Halloween on Parrott St. He suggested a meeting with Garrison School, Haldane School, PTA, concerned parents and the Cold Spring Police Dept. and possibly the Putnam County Sheriff's Department to discuss behavior protocol on Halloween.
- No information has been received from Royal Carting regarding the cost of paper recycling.
- The village website is up and running.

## 9. Comprehensive Board:

Carol Casparian and Karen Dunn stated they were pleased with the turnout at the recent stakeholder's meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the number of board members on the Comprehensive Board. Individuals not living in the village can participate in meetings and discussions but they cannot be board or working group members.

The board will work with seven members and see how it turns out. If the board feels that seven members does not work then an addendum to the resolution and to the number that constitutes a quorum will need to be prepared by the Village Attorney.

#### 10. Bills:

Trustee S. Gallagher asked if a bill had been received for drainage work at the firehouse. Trustee E. Mancari stated he had not yet received the bill but the payment will probably come out of a contingency account.

Trustee G. Robertson moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee S. Gallagher seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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